

• (optional)
or waterproof glue

stamp or sink a post into the ground and nail the platform on top of it. Place the seeds, grains, or other food directly onto the board.

A BOTTLE THISTLE FEEDER

Is:
plastic soft drink
bottle (liter size)
1 wooden dowels,
1/8" (5 mm) wide
about 8" (20 cm)

o knife
or other sharp ob-
ject for punching holes
• bottle
clothes hanger
cutters



1. Wash the bottle and remove the label and colored base.
2. To make a perch, use a nail to punch 2 holes in the bottle, opposite each other. Insert a dowel so that it passes through one hole, through the bottle, and out the hole on the other side. Make 3 or 4 such perches, alternating the positions so that all sides of the bottle are used.
3. Now you're ready to cut the feeding holes. (Remember that the finished feeder will hang with the bottle's neck facing down.) With the neck facing toward you, use an X-acto knife to cut a 1/4" long by 1/8" wide (6 x 3 mm) hole about 2" (5 cm) above each perch. Keep in mind that the seeds will fall out if the holes are too big.

4. Cut a clothes hanger with the wire cutters (see page 12). Each cut should be made from the base of the hanger so it looks like a T.
5. Use the nail to punch 2 holes in the base (not its neck) of the hanger, opposite each other.
6. Push the ends of the hanger through the holes. Adjust the hanger so the feeder hangs even.
7. Fill the feeder with seeds, replace the feeder on a tree.

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A QUICK LOOK AT OTHER FEEDERS



are a few other ideas for some easy
you can make:

piece of string around a pine cone. Fill
paces in the pine cone with suet, peanut
r, or a mixture of suet, peanut butter, and
seed. Hang your pine cone feeder by tying
string to a branch.

- Fill foil dishes, empty margarine tubs, or the skins of orange or grapefruit halves with seeds or suet. Use wire or string to hang the feeders from a tree.
- String unshelled peanuts, popcorn, and/or berries together and drape them over tree branches.
- If hummingbirds live in your area you can

attract them to your s
ter with a nectar feed
how to make a simpl
vite a Hummer to L
1985, pages 13-14.

- Nail metal bottle caps
caps with peanut but
from a tree with wire